

Appln No. 10/665,304
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2008. Claims 59-62 have been added and directed to subject matter disclosed in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 55-58 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 25-39, 50-54 and 59-62 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration on the basis of the above amendments and remarks below is kindly requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 5-12, 25-39, 50-54 are allowable. Claims 59-62 are dependent from claims 1, 25, 52 and 53, respectively. As such, these claims are also allowable as being dependent from allowable claims and for the additional limitations that they contain therein.

In the Office Action, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for the indication allowed in the subject matter. However, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR § 1.104(e)). Applicant believes the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are unnecessary. The applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While applicant agrees that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce with each statement in the reasons for allowance, that patentability requires each stated feature exactly as expressed by the Examiner, nor that each stated feature is required for patentability.

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The rejection to all claims pending in this application are believed to have been overcome and this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns about the allowability of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

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